



As one Chapter Year closes and a new one is being planned...

Next Meeting:

TBD
~ September 2011

Please see page 5 for suggested topics and venues for our next year.

Please submit your ideas and needs to any of our newly elected 2012 officers.

I feel fortunate to find myself in the same place as last year; your Chapter President. Some might find this a little hard to swallow but in all seriousness, the support I'm being given from regular members and from those with whom I serve on the Executive Committee, I'm genuinely excited about the future. I'm talking about the Chapter and the Membership of course – don't get me started on Washington or State politics.

Sorry, too late. Now why'd you do that? I am half-tempted to delve into religion now! I promise to be lengthy though and all I'll ask for is a small favor. As you go about your personal and professional lives, take any spare time you have to REALLY THINK about the most effective means of keeping workers safe and companies profitable. Do this while keeping the following in mind and you'll be doing a lot towards meeting the fifth consideration.

Consider ALL workers when thinking about best ways to keep workers safe; the one's for whom it's genuinely hard to care about (e.g., the lazy, good-for-nothings who fake injury, scoff at safety rules, etc.) and those for whom you care deeply (e.g., family, fellow hard working Americans, etc.) Why would you care about the first category? Maybe you don't but according to census figures, 76.5% of you consider yourselves Christian. I'm sure we have a few other religions represented as well and well... the last I checked – they all are good at one thing – reminding us that we must care for everyone.

Consider ALL employers when thinking about best ways to keep workers safe; those who would provide workplaces free of recognized hazards even if OSHA or MSHA had never existed to those who will continue to persist no matter how tough, weak or accommodating OSHA and MSHA become. 15 months after 29 workers died an imaginably horrific death at Upper Big Branch, MSHA held a private briefing last evening for families of those who died. They revealed that Massey Energy (aka Alpha Resources) had maintained two sets of safety records – one for MSHA and one for internal purposes.

Consider the employer even further when thinking about best ways to keep workers safe; those who hire the best most qualified people they can find to advise them in safety and health matters to those who still haven't seen any need to hire anyone for this role. According to 2007 census figures, there are 833,827 U.S. firms employing greater than 100 employees. Not that ASSE membership is an accurate indicator, but if it were; only 4% of the bigger fish employ a safety person.

Consider profitability, competitiveness, productivity, and job creation when thinking about best ways to keep workers safe. If you don't press yourself to consider the challenges faced by business, you will miss key issues for which we need solutions. Read at least one book on business this summer.

Consider yourself, the safety professional, when thinking about best ways to keep workers safe. Are you staying current? Are you coaching management in making the connection between safe and productive workers and their bottom line? Are you in your job to make a living, to make a difference or both? Would you be willing to quit your job if even after months of flag-waving, they continued ignoring your reports indicating far less than perfect compliance? Do workers see you as their advocate? Does management see you as their advocate?

Our upcoming Chapter Year will offer topics and speakers to help us all do our work better. The Society's Foundation is sponsoring a study to help us better answer what really works in keeping workers safe. The 101st year of our Society is underway and I'm excited to be your Chapter president. Please spread the word that our Chapter is looking forward to a great year and be sure to check out the list of potential topics that your planning committee is working on. (page 4)

I hope and pray that each one of you and your families have a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer!

Steve Crooks

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ASSE Government Affairs

During this legislative session, there were three bills introduced regarding cell phone use:

- A State House Bill (HB31) banning all cell phone use by all drivers, whether it is hands-free or not
- A House Bill (HB 44) banning handheld cell phone use by all drivers, but allowing hands-free mobile use while driving
- A Senate Bill (SB36) banning all cell phone use, including hands-free headsets, similar to HB31

At this time it is unclear whether any of these bills will move forward and become law.

Also in the upcoming year we want to get a proclamation from the Governor, and other officials supporting North American Occupational Safety Week (May 6-12, 2012) and Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day (May 9th).

If you have additional ideas to promote these, give Bob Andrews a call and get involved.

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Two die in Manhole in Durham

A recent accident and rescue attempt in Durham ended with death of two workers. Investigators think two construction workers killed in a manhole beside U.S. 70 may have suffocated one at a time after the first went down the hole to retrieve some equipment and lost consciousness, and the other followed to rescue him.

Read more: <http://www.newsobserver.com/2011/06/09/1258729/rescue-attempt-ends-in-2-deaths.html#ixzz1STCnlKjx>

ASSE member Tom Cecich was interviewed and quoted saying, “checking a company’s safety records before granting a contract is good business for both the contractor and the organization doing the contracting.” <http://www2.nbc17.com/news/2011/jul/15/nbc-17-11pm-news-7-14-11-72928-vi-34325/>

The following link has more discussion on using safety records in bidding contracts.

<http://www2.nbc17.com/news/2011/jul/13/26/inside-durham-manhole-disaster-ar-1201639/>

**Safety
Records
Indicative of
Future
Performance?**

ASSE's Council on Professional Affairs

A key responsibility of business leaders is to manage the many types of risks that confront their organizations. Such organizations assign high value to individuals who are effective in identifying and controlling such risks that threaten the effective functioning of their operations.

Evaluating risk is a activity that safety professionals perform routinely. However many times we fail to use a systematic approach to identifying, evaluating and mitigating our workplace risks. We also need to be more effective in communicating the level of risk and the corresponding organizational impacts to management.

Value of the Profession Strategic Initiative

As part of the Value of the Profession Strategic Initiative ASSE's Council on Professional Affairs has formed a task force with the goal of promoting risk assessment as a value-added skill that safety professionals are uniquely qualified to perform. The task force will also develop strategies to change the perception that safety professional are only focused on compliance versus broader organizational risk management.

In addition to the Risk Assessment Task Force ASSE has also sponsored a research project to study the effectiveness of risk based regulatory systems that are utilized globally in most developed nations. Injury and illness statistics from Europe suggest that the UK and Germany which have risk based regulations achieve lower occupational injury and illnesses rates that the USA. The study will compare the incidents rates of various nations and to determine if the broader use of risk assessment methods plays a significant role in lowering the rate of occurrence of workplace injuries and illnesses.

It is anticipated that the risk assessment research study and the findings of the Risk Assessment Task Force will be completed by June 2012.

Tom Cecich
ASSE VP of Professional Affairs

North Carolina Chapter 2011 Officers Installed

ASSE would like thank our Region VI VP Vince Miller for his visit to our June meeting and his help installing the 2011 NC Chapter Officers. (Pictured left to right Vince Miller—ASSE Regional VP, and Chapter members: Horace Rozier-Delegate, Brian Flack— Secretary, Jay Sprankle - Treasurer, Arlene Edwards - Pres-Elect, Steve Crooks - President)



2011 State Wide Safety Conference



Pictured here visiting the ASSE booth is ASSE President - Elect, Terri Norris. She joined us at the State Wide Safety Conference and spoke at the ASSE luncheon on "Ethics and the Safety Professional".

Our members volunteered to man the booth to talk with any attendees on the benefits of the membership with our both organizations of ASSE and Board of Certified Safety Professionals.



100th Anniversary Highlights
SAFETY THROUGH THE AGES
 Walk through time in our history hall, located on the exposition floor. The exhibit will showcase a variety of memorabilia, artifacts, photos and displays of safety through the ages and milestones of the Society.

Region VI Professional Development Conference

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September 21-23, 2011 (Preconferences September 18-20, 2011) - Kingston Plantation Embassy Suites - Myrtle Beach, SC

Downloadable Brochure at <http://region6.asse.org/docs/2011%20PDC%20Brochure.pdf> and Tri-fold <http://region6.asse.org/docs/PDC%20Trifold%202011.pdf>

Celebrate our Region's 25th Professional Development Conference on the Grand Strand at the Kingston Plantation Resort in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.



Sessions include:

Human Factors Engineering
 Hazard Recognition for Construction
 Confined Space
 On-Site Audits
 NFPA 70 E Changes
 Emergency Preparedness
 Legislative and Regulatory Development
 Coming Regulatory Trends From Our Region's States
 and much, much more!

Pre-Conferences include:

The Essentials of Hazardous Materials Management (2.4 CEUs)
 The Human Factors Analysis and Classification System (1.6 CEUs)
 Confined Space Entry and Rescue (1.2 CEUs)
 Safety and Health Management Programs - How to Audit (.8 CEUs)
 Innovative Training Techniques (.4 CEUs)

If you have any questions regarding the Region VI PDC, please contact the PDC Chair Jim.Morris@vbschools.com

Mark your calendars, talk to your boss, get it in the budget, because the 25th Annual Region VI PDC will be here before you know it!

Suggestions for 2012 N C Chapter Meeting Schedule

Please email your 2012 officers with suggestions and opinions on meeting topics for the next year. Our meeting next meeting will be a date in September. Stay tuned.

Potential topics for 2011-2012:

GHS Update	Safety challenges in an LED manufacturing environment
Vehicle crash history	Waterfront safety
Combustible Dust	Dog bite safety
Natural hazards during summer	Climate change
Metrics / Z10	Organizational well-being
Sustainability	Contractor selection using safety as a criterion
CBS War Stories	Turning the Safety Program Around
Safety Research	

ASSE / AIHA joint session

CPCU Society joint session to discuss risk mgmt or worker's comp topics

Some of these could be down in round table with (3) separate topics. i.e. members breakup into groups and share knowledge / experience with topic.

Please welcome our new members as of April 2011 to date :

Curtis Benson Christopher Caler Thomas Coghill Susan Hoffman Joseph Jones Mary Weathers



Have You Visited the Chapter Website ?

Bookmark <http://www.nc-asse.org/> TODAY!

As service for ASSE members you can post a job opening or a personal resume on the chapter website by e-mailing Jason Pettit at Pettit at Jason_D@cat.com.

Please attach a Microsoft Word document containing your job description, formatted how you would like it to be posted on the website. You can also visit the following websites for job postings, the Next Steps (www.nexsteps.org) and EHS careers website and www.safetyemployment.com.

What is the ASSE:

North Carolina ASSE

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*Think Safe / Act Safe
It's Contagious*

Founded in 1911, the American Society of Safety Engineers is the oldest and largest professional safety organization. Its more than 30,000 members manage, supervise and consult on safety, health, and environmental issues in industry, insurance, government and education.

ASSE is guided by a 16-member Board of Directors, which consists of 8 regional vice presidents; three council vice presidents; Society president, president-elect, senior vice president, vice president of finance and executive director.

ASSE has 13 practice specialties, 152 chapters, 31 sections and 52 student sections. For more information, visit www.asse.org.

The NC ASSE Chapter executive committee are committed to serving you by providing you with relevant safety news, a forum for safety discussions and networking opportunities.

We are currently setting the schedule of speakers for the 2011-2012 year and have seen an large increase participation in the monthly meetings for 2011 making this a very good networking opportunity. We request your help in spreading the news of our exciting website and providing us with updated contact information for your self and our fellow safety professionals.

Invite your fellow safety professionals to join us once again and help increase national safety awareness and the many benefits of local chapter participation.

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